

To: All Iowans
From: Iowa Judicial Branch
Re: Judicial Branch Operations Summary
Date: April 27, 2020

Today, the supreme court issued a supervisory order to begin an electronic search warrant pilot project in the 4th Judicial District. Also, the court is reviewing Governor Reynolds' proclamation and social distancing guidance to determine if additional changes to court procedures and the timing of the resumption of court services are necessary.

Reference Materials:

Supreme Court Supervisory Order, April 27, 2020
[Information on the COVID-19 Iowa Legal Information Hotline](#)
[Supreme Court Supervisory Order, April 17, 2020](#)
[Supreme Court Supervisory Order, April 6, 2020](#)
[Supreme Court Supervisory Order, April 2, 2020](#)

Summary:

Electronic Search Warrant Pilot Project: Fremont, Mills, Montgomery and Page counties are authorized to begin a pilot project using electronic search warrants. For now, this pilot project is authorized only in those four counties. At a later date, the supreme court will review the pilot project and determine if it will be expanded.

Please feel free to share any concerns or questions you may have with Anna Stoeffler (anna.stoeffler@iowacourts.gov), Chief Justice Christensen's Senior Law Clerk. Ms. Stoeffler is regularly reviewing these communications and assembling and forwarding information to the Chief Justice.

The Iowa Judicial Branch sincerely appreciates the professionalism and patience from attorneys, law enforcement, county attorneys, public defenders and all Iowans who access the courts in their communities.